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Hot issues range from limits on jury awards to a 'junk food' ban

Here are some of the other issues likely to provoke legislative debate:

- | Expanding state-provided or state-subsidized health insurance for those who do not have their own coverage.
- | Limiting jury awards for pain and suffering in medical malpractice cases.
- | Deciding whether community colleges should be allowed to offer at least some four-year degrees.
- | Making it more difficult for cities and other governments to use their right of eminent domain to take private land.
- | Giving cities and counties more power to impose limits on water use.
- | Requiring mandatory jail time for people convicted of identity theft.
- | Tightening the blood-alcohol rules on those who previously have been convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol.
- | Imposing new training requirements on Child Protective Services caseworkers.
- | Restricting the ability of homeowner associations to impose regulations on residents.
- | Increasing penalties on retailers whose price scanners repeatedly overcharge customers.
- | Prohibiting workers who are injured on the job from collecting benefits if they were under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- | Requiring a 24-hour waiting period before a woman can terminate a pregnancy.
- | Expanding a ban on "junk food" sales to cover high schools.
- | Implementing mandatory physical education requirements at public schools.
- | Increasing pay for jurors who serve in trials lasting more than a few days.
- | Imposing new regulations on operation and location of payday loan businesses.
- | Further restricting the sale of pseudoephedrine, which can be used to manufacture methamphetamines.
- | Exempting breast-feeding mothers from state indecent-exposure laws.
- | Banning the use of cell phones while driving.
- | Expanding the state Board of Regents to add one member from a rural county.
- | Regulating the length of the yellow "caution" light on traffic signals.

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